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Applicant : Keiji Hashimoto et al. Art Unit: 1745  
Serial No.: 10/632,401 Examiner: Raymond Alejandro  
Filed : July 31, 2003  
Title : A SEPARATOR FROM A FUEL CELL HAVING FIRST AND SECOND  
PORTIONS OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS (AS AMENDED)

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants call attention to the attached Information Disclosure Statement and documents listed on form PTO-1449.

Each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was cited in the attached Japanese Office Action dated July 10, 2007 (3 pages), issued in a foreign counterpart application not more than three months ago. To the best knowledge of the undersigned, this is the first citation of these items in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. No fee is believed to be due.

An English translation of the Japanese publication is enclosed; hence no concise explanation is necessary per Rule 98(a)(3).

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the

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Consideration of European Publication No. 1 154 504 is also earnestly solicited. Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on September 20, 2004 citing the before-mentioned patent, however, the Examiner struck the patent on the Form PTO-1449 returned with the Office Action mailed May 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully request an explanation, or the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column next to the European Publication No. 1 154 504 per MPEP 609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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